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Senate

The Senate met at 10:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable PAUL D. WELLSTONE, a Senator from the State of Minnesota.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. This morning our guest Chaplain, Chaplain Daniel Coughlin, Chaplain of the U.S. House of Representatives, will lead us in prayer.

PRAYER

The guest Chaplain offered the following prayer:

Lord our God, shepherd us as Your own flock. Speak Your Word in the hearts of all the Senators and to all who work for the Senate Chamber. Make all in the Nation attentive to Your voice; that they may walk as Your free children along the right path, fearing no evil.

On this new day, anoint us with Your Spirit, that only goodness and kindness flow from us. Having invited us to enjoy the banquet of equal justice, may we serve You all the days of our lives. Banish our foes into the darkness of confusion that great deeds of dignity may be accomplished in Your Name; and the nations may dwell in peace for years to come. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable PAUL D. WELLSTONE led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD.)

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, April 23, 2002.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable PAUL D. WELLSTONE, a Senator from the State of Minnesota, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mr. WELLSTONE thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 11:30 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each and with the time equally divided between the two leaders or their designees.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority whip is recognized.

REQUEST FOR PRAYERS BY THE SENATE CHAPLAIN

Mr. REID. Mr. President, we have been honored this morning with the presence of the House Chaplain. The reason for that is our Chaplain's wife is very ill. She has been in intensive care now for more than a week. Our own Chaplain has expressed to each of us that we should not worry about sending cards or letters or flowers or plants because, of course, the flowers and

plants are not allowed in intensive care, but he asked specifically that Members of the Senate pray for his wife.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. As you have announced, the Senate will be in a period of morning business until 11:30 a.m. At 11:30 a.m. the Senate will resume consideration of the energy reform bill, when we will vote on cloture on the Daschle-Bingaman substitute amendment. All second-degree amendments to this energy bill must be filed by 11 o'clock today.

The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 p.m. for the weekly party conferences.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent the hour begin running now and the time for the vote occur at 25 minutes until the hour.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from New Mexico.

CLOTURE MOTION ON THE ENERGY BILL

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I will yield myself up to 10 minutes to speak in favor of going ahead with the motion for cloture on this bill.

This is the sixth week we have been on the energy bill on the Senate floor. Today is the 22nd legislative day we have worked on the bill. We will be voting this morning on cloture on the substitute amendment that was first laid down on February 15. It was modified to its present form on March 5.

Since then, we have had a great many amendments. We have acted on 84 amendments to the substitute amendment. Of those 84 amendments, 68 were adopted, 9 were defeated or otherwise fell, and 7 were withdrawn.

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